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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MFM WORKING GROUP AND TRANS-
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS

REF: STATE 092124

1. I WENT OVER CONTENT REFTEL TODAY (MAY 8) WITH FONMIN
RAMPHAL, OUTLINING BOTH OUR OBJECTIVES AND OUR SUGGESTED
PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MFM RESOLUTION.
2. RAMPHAL SAID HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT ON NEED TO COMMENCE
SOONEST TO SET UP WORKING GROUP, SINCE HE ANTICIPATED LENGTHY
PROCESS OF "GROPING" FOR ADEQUATE SOLUTIONS WHILE AVOIDING TIME
PRESSURES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO POLEMIC TREATMENT. HE LIKED IDEA
OF SERIES OF SEMINARS AS MEANS OF PROVIDING MORE OR LESS
OBJECTIVE BASE FROM WHICH WORKIMN GROUP COULD BENEFIT IN SEEKING
CONCRETE SOLUTIONS.
3. RAMPHAL SAID WITHOUT CONSULTING PM BURNHAM AT THIS STAGE WE
COULD COUNT ONGOG PARTICIPATION IN JUNE ORGANIZATION
MEETING. HE WONDERED, HOWEVER, WHY WHOLE WEEK NEEDED ONLY TO
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GET AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES. HE THOUGHT GOG WOULD WANT TO SEND

QUALIFIED WORKING-LEVEL DELEGATE TO THIS MEETING, WITH ADEQUATE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND TO COMMIT GOG ON PROCEDURAL POINTS. HE SAID HE WOULD NEED EARLY INDICATION AS TO RESULTS OF OUR SOUNDINGS IN OTHER CAPITALS BECAUSE HE WOULD WANT TO BRIEF PM AND GET HIS FINAL CLEARANCE ON GOG PARTICIPATION. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION TO GIVE US HIS GOVERNMENT'S PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCOPE OF WORK. HE AGREED THAT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WOULD BE TOUGH ISSUE, AS WOULD TERMS OF REFERENCE.

4. THINKING OUT LOUD, RAMPHAL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOG DELEGATION TO WORKING GROUP EVENTUALLY HEADED BY P.A. (PAT) THOMPSON, PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF GUYBAU, FORMERLY GOG AMBASSADOR TO UN AND EARLIER HIGH OFFICIAL OF BOOKER-MC DONNEL SUGAR/MERCHANDISING ORGANIZATION. HAVING MET THOMPSON AND REVIEWED HIS BACKGROUND, I WOULD AGREE. PROBLEM WILL BE HOW TO SPARE HIM LONG ENOUGH FROM PRESENT JOB.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS, WITH ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR SECOND-STAGE DISCUSSION WITH RAMPHAL. KREBS

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